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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

SUZUKI ET AL.

Examiner

Jimmy Vu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19-25 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 06/23/05 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent 10/765,552 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tamura (U.S. Patent 6,410,168).

Regarding claim 26, Tamura discloses an electroluminescence display apparatus

(10) as shown in figures 1-7 comprising:

a first electrode (12, column 4, line 40) formed above a substrate (11, column 4, line 42);

an emissive element layer (13, column 4, lines 44-45) formed on said first electrode (12);

a second electrode (14, column 5, line 25) formed on said emissive element (13);
and

the thickness of said first electrode (12) is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the thickness of said emissive element layer (13), see column 6, lines 1-16.

Regarding claim 27, Tamura discloses an electroluminescence display apparatus (10) as shown in figures 1-7 comprising:

a first electrode (12) formed above a substrate (11);

an emissive element layer (13) formed on said first electrode, the emissive element layer inherently comprises an organic layer that includes at least organic emissive molecules;

a second electrode (14) formed on said emissive element; and

the thickness of said first electrode is less than $\frac{1}{3}$ the thickness of said emissive element layer (see column 6, lines 1-16).

Regarding claims 28-29, Tamura discloses the first and second electrodes are intersected, see figure 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 19-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: neither the references cited nor the cited references teach or suggest in combination of the

apparatus having the thickness of said first electrode is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ the thickness of said emissive element layer, wherein the thickness of the emission layer is approximately 200nm, and an active-matrix type comprising the first electrode formed independently at each pixel, and thin-film transistor for driving the emissive element.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy T Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1832. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F: 9 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800.

Jimmy Vu

March 15, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wilson Lee', written in a cursive style.

**WILSON LEE
PRIMARY EXAMINER**